

CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ **CONFIDENTIAL**
 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT
 INFORMATION FROM
 FOREIGN DOCUMENTS OR RADIO BROADCASTS CD NO.

50X1-HUM

COUNTRY China
 SUBJECT Transportation - Marine shipping
 HOW PUBLISHED Daily newspapers
 WHERE PUBLISHED Tientsin; Ning-po
 DATE PUBLISHED 31 Mar 1950
 LANGUAGE Chinese

DATE OF INFORMATION 1950

DATE DIST. 29 Jun 1950

NO. OF PAGES 2

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF ESPIONAGE ACT 80 U. S. C., 81 AND 82, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE Newspapers as indicated.

NORTH-SOUTH TRADE MAKES SLOW START

TRADE VOLUME STILL SMALL -- Tientsin Chin-pu Jih-pao, 31 Mar 50

The steamship Nan-mei arrived at Tientsin a few days ago from Swatow, loaded with 500 tons of brown and refined sugar. Although the exact date is unknown, this ship is to return to Swatow with bean cakes, beans, and peach pits.

At present, there is no difficulty in trade between north and south as far as transportation is concerned, but the volume of trade is not yet very large. The North China Local Products Corporation and Swatow Trading Company are already working together to improve trade between these two areas, but additional assistance is needed by both public and private interests to increase the volume of trade.

Since the resumption of north-south trade early this year, trade in February showed a large increase. The total amount of trade between Tientsin and Swatow in February was as follows:

From Swatow to Tientsin -- 17,509 sacks of sugar, 746 bales of tea, and 160 bales of tin foil.

From Tientsin to Swatow -- 12,598 catties of bean cakes, 666 sacks of beans, 300 sacks of fertilizer, 4,000 sacks of cement, 1,464 bales of miscellaneous items, and 100 bales of rose petals.

NORTH CHINA SHIPPING INDUSTRY TO BE IMPROVED -- Ning-po Jih-pao, 31 Mar 50

Tientsin, 29 March -- To stimulate the flow of goods between North, Northeast, and East China through marine shipping, the Shipping Administrative Bureau of the Ministry of Communications held a meeting of bureau and shipping company representatives from Yen-t'ai, Tsingtao, Lien-yun, Dairen, and Tientsin in Tientsin from 18 through 25 March 1950.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

- 1 -

CLASSIFICATION		CONFIDENTIAL		DISTRIBUTION									
STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSRB											
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBI											

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

It was pointed out at this meeting that, at present, there are too many ships and not enough freight in these areas, mainly due to the shipping charge being about 3 to 5 times higher than railroads. Also, lack of scheduled shipping routes and coordination between port authorities and shipping companies is hampering the shipping industry in the North China waters. It was, therefore, decided to take necessary steps to correct these situations.

- E N D -

CONFIDENTIAL

- 2 -

CONFIDENTIAL